

Andrea Wright spent ten years in the field of public education before buying her Mad Science of Kentucky franchise. Owning this business matches perfectly with her love for science and her goal to motivate students to careers in science. Mad Science provides science “edutainment” in the class room, at special events, corporate events, birthday parties, after school programs, etc. The workshops are hands-on and high quality. The company also provides professional development for teachers and school districts as well as science education consulting. Currently, the company is also offering Adopt-A-School science programs to local elementary schools that have been adopted by a corporate sponsor to cover the expense of the program. The Mad Science of Kentucky franchise services 33 Kentucky counties, including Jefferson. Wright worked for the previous Mad Science owner for over a year before she purchased the business in 2002 when he began having health problems. She had a family and knew she could not do it all herself. Seeking help from the Greater Louisville Small Business Development Center, Wright developed a business plan and obtained a SBA guaranteed loan from Stock Yards Bank to buy the business. Lauri Contreras, Vice President of the Small Business Banking Group at Stock Yards Bank, said, “Andrea is a prime example of the benefit of SBA. She has overcome many obstacles to make her business successful. With the passion she has for children and education, it is a joy for me to see her providing such a valuable service to area youth. Being able to assist people like Andrea is what makes my job so fulfilling.” Andrea Wright has found a way to fulfill her passion to spark the imaginations of children, creating in them an interest in science and the exploration and discovery of the world around them.